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SUBJECT: RWANDA HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT: DISAPPEARANCES

REF: AISTON-LEADER TELCON 12/31/93

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. CHARGE DISCUSSED DISAPPEARANCES IN RWANDA DURING 1993 WITH PUBLIC PROSECUTOR ALPHONSE NKUBITO WHO IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF RWANDA'S MAIN CONSORTIUM OF HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS. HE SAID HE COULD NOT CONFIRM 100 DISAPPEARANCES IN CONNECTION WITH THE MASSACRES IN GISENYI LAST JANUARY.

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3. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID THERE ARE AT LEAST 10 OR SO DOCUMENTED DISAPPEARANCES. HE CITED THE CASE OF A RWANDAN REFUGEE (TUTSI) WHO CAME TO RWANDA FROM BURUNDI AND DISAPPEARED AFTER BEING STOPPED AND QUESTIONED BY MRND YOUTH, THE INTERAHAMWE. ACCORDING TO THE COMPANION OF THE REFUGEE, HE HAD SHOWN HIS BURUNDI PASSPORT, WAS BEATEN, AND THEN TAKEN TO A GENDARME BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS IN KIGALI, SUSPECTED OF BEING AN RPF SYMPATHIZER. HE HAS NEVER BEEN SEEN

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AGAIN. NUKUBITO SAID MOST CASES OF THIS KIND INVOLVE GENDARMES OR MILITARY AND ARE CONNECTED TO SUSPICIONS OF RPF CONNECTIONS.

4. NKUBITO SAID THAT, IN ADDITION TO SUCH DOCUMENTED DISAPPEARANCES, THE HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS HAVE LISTS OF NAMES OF PERSONS WHO FAMILY MEMBERS OR AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CLAIM HAVE DISAPPEARED. IN MOST CASES, HE ACKNOWLEDGED, THE HUMAM RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS WERE NOT EVEN ABLE TO VERIFY THAT THE PEOPLE HAD EXISTED.

5. NKUBITO WANTED TO COUNT AMONG DISAPPEARANCES THE 350 OR SO UNCLAIMED BODIES BURIED BETWEEN JANUARY AND MARCH 1993 BY THE KIGALI PRISON BURIAL TEAM. AS REPORTED IN OUR INITIAL SUBMISSION, SOME OF THESE BODIES SHOWED SIGNS OF BRUTALITY OR GUN SHOTS, ACCORDING TO PRISON GUARDS. NKUBITO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT NOT ALL UNCLAIMED BODIES COULD BE LINKED TO HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES.

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